

# AF announces new active-duty service commitment program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Air Force airmen had serious questions about the Active Duty Service Commitment program, and leadership listened. Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan recently approved the Air Force's new ADSC plan, making it fair, less cumbersome and more easily understood.

"The new ADSC regulation and tables are simple and easy to understand. But, more importantly, they are designed to be fair to the individual service member. This is simply the right thing to do — nothing can be more devastating, in my mind, than not treating people fairly," Peters said.

The revision comes after a month-long review by the ADSC integrated process team appointed by the SECAF and CSAF to fix the ADSC problems. Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, Air Force Plans and Programs deputy chief of staff, the team was tasked to come up with a plan to simplify and standardize ADSCs.

"Our guidance to the IPT was simple," Ryan said. "Create an easily understood program that is fair and equitable to the Air Force and its members."

During review of the existing program, the team found the rules and tables governing ADSCs to be complex and ambiguous, often contributing to incorrect documentation. The new program lets airmen plan their careers while allowing the Air Force to manage force requirements.

"We took the ADSC Air Force instruction from 15 tables and 189 rules down to only two tables and 34 rules," DeKok said. "Our primary premise was simplicity."

"The ADSC program, however, should also not nickel-and-dime our troops for service owed, but rather be a tool that shows a mutual faith and trust for our service to our country," DeKok added. "The new program puts the trust back where it belongs — in our people."

The major changes hit three primary areas: advanced flying training, education and train-

ing and promotions. Changes to flying training include standardized pilot commitments of 10 years regardless of weapon system or major command, and elimination of all ADSCs for in-unit training.

Education and training ADSCs will see significant changes with 95 percent of all ADSCs eliminated for courses under 20 weeks. This action encompasses approximately 5,600 courses. ADSCs will also move to a standardized three years for all courses over 20 weeks. This includes AFIT masters degree programs. AFIT Ph.D. programs will stabilize at a five-year commitment, while ADSCs will be eliminated for Squadron Officer School.

Federal statutes govern time-in-grade retirement requirements for senior officers. Given these statutory mandates for officer retirements, the previous two-year ADSC associated with promotions for major through colonel was not needed and has been eliminated. Given the absence of comparable statutory restrictions on enlisted time-in-grade retirement requirements, and Department of Defense regulatory requirements that senior NCO promotions carry an ADSC, the two-year ADSC remains for promotions to E-7, E-8 and E-9.

Air Force members will maintain their current ADSCs — as reflected on the signed Air Force Form 63 in their personnel files. When the new AFI goes into effect June 1, airmen will move under the new rules as they sign new ADSC commitments. This will primarily occur as people undergo a permanent change of station or attend extensive training.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or in the way the new rules are being implemented, the Air Force Personnel Center commander has been given wide latitude to grant relief.

The new ADSC tables are available on line at: [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). For more information, call military personnel flight customer service, 283-2276.

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Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

## Checking it out

Senior Airman Albert M. Myers, 95th Fighter Squadron phase inspector, checks wires on the aerial refueling light assembly of an F-15 during a periodic phase inspection. Tyndall's fighter squadrons perform flight inspections on aircraft every 200 flight hours and a periodic inspection after an aircraft has completed 1,200 hours in the air.

## 29 Tyndallites selected for O-3

Tyndall's newest captain selects are:

### 325th Operations Support Squadron

Brad D. Eychner  
Gwenn Heintz  
David A. Johnson  
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Bridget Ward\*

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Elaine R. Foster  
Miranda W. Turner

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Joel E. Trejo

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2nd Fighter Squadron  
Marc O. Morris  
William P. O'Brien  
Christopher J. Reeder  
Peter S. Soto  
95th Fighter Squadron  
Marcus P. Sauley  
Paul H. Stafford III  
1st Fighter Squadron  
Karen L. Nicholson  
325th Maintenance Squadron  
Dwight D. Minnick

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# Tyndall fitness center named best in AETC

**2nd Lt. Michael J. Adams**  
*325th Fighter Wing  
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Another Team Tyndall resource was recognized for excellence by the Air Education and Training Command recently.

The Fitness and Sport Center received the 2000 AETC Fitness and Sports Program Award. This award represents a significant acknowledgment, besting the command's thirteen other bases.

"I'm very proud of all of the staff in the fitness center," said Maj. Neil T. Sauve, 325th Services Squadron commander. "New ideas, changes and improvements come easy to them and they are always willing to put in the extra effort to satisfy our customer requirements."

The Fitness and Sports Center recorded an impressive 99 percent in-commission rate for its fitness equipment, while also facilitating 15 intramural programs and implementing several new institutions, including the Gulf Coast Salute Fun Run and Walk, a Basketball Three-Point and Free Shot Shoot-out and the Millennium Running Club.

The center also excelled in fiscal responsibility, fully funding both men's and women's softball and baseball competitions through corporate sponsorship. "With the current budget, we're doing more with less money, so it's definitely an accomplishment to be recognized at the command level," said Norm Childs, 325th SVS fitness and sports center athletic director.

Another new program established comprehensive inspection checklists for each piece of equipment, providing key maintenance at appropriate inter-



**Airman Leonardo E. Navarrete, 325th Services Squadron fitness and sports center specialist, shows Pao Ying Etchells how to use the center's leg curl machine.**

vals, including daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual monitoring. The new inspection-checklist program ensured less equipment downtime and allowed base gym patrons increased equipment availability. This type of innovation has made Tyndall the benchmark for AETC fitness and sports centers.

"Whether helping patrons develop personal fitness programs or ensuring all staff members are properly trained to conduct body-fat measurements and ensure compliance with AETC standards, equal attention is paid to customer satisfaction and education," Childs said. "The main focus at the Tyndall Fitness and Sports Center is the customer."

One of the key factors that allowed

Tyndall's Fitness and Sport Center to win this award is the Millennium Run Club, an incentive program with graduated rewards for participants who reach running distance milestones, starting with 500 miles. "We've had an increase of more than 2,000 people per month at the fitness center because of the program," Childs said. "Our programs are designed to get people in the door, so we can help them develop a healthy lifestyle, not just for a month, but for life."

Childs credited his entire staff with the center's success. "We've had excellent support all the way up the chain, from the front counter to the commander," he said. "This isn't just the director's achievement, this award reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire staff."

## 325th Fighter Wing Safety Day



Tyndall's Safety Day is May 26. There will be wing-wide mandatory safety briefings 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. on this date in Hangar 2. All Air Force members are required to go to **one** of these briefings. Speaker at this year's briefing will be Bob "Bobzilla" Bartlett, an instructor at the Comedy Defensive Driving School.

For more information, see *Page 11*.

**Think safe!**



# Street named after AF hero

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Tyndall named one of its new streets after an Air Force enlisted hero recently.

Etchberger Court, located in the newly opened Red Fish Point housing area was dedicated in honor of Chief Master Sgt. Richard L. Etchberger during a ceremony May 11. Etchberger, a recipient of the Air Force Cross, was killed in action March 11, 1968.

In attendance at the ceremony were Etchberger’s sons Rich, Cory and Steve, and his brother, Bob. According to Rich Etchberger, who traveled to Tyndall from Vernal, Utah, the family was quite honored to witness the dedication.

“This is fantastic,” he said. “It’s been 30 years since we’ve been part of the Air Force, and I feel like I am back with family. Everyone has made us feel genuinely welcome.”

Cory Etchberger, from Overland Park, Kan., agreed. “The people here have been great to us,” he added. “Everything was very organized — it’s just terrific.”

Bob Etchberger, who came to the ceremony from Ocala, Fla., with his wife, Martha, was also pleased to see his brother honored. “This is the cherry on the sundae for my brother,” he said. “Now the rest of the world can see and appreciate what my kid brother did.”

On March 11, 1968, Chief Etchberger, a native of Hamburg, Pa., was manning a defensive position when the base was overrun by an enemy ground force. The enemy was able to fire directly upon this position from higher ground. With his entire crew dead or wounded, the chief continued to return the enemy’s fire, denying them access to the position. During this entire period, Chief Etchberger continued to direct air strikes and call for air rescue on his emergency radio, enabling the air evacuation force to locate the surrounding friendly element.

When air rescue arrived, the chief fearlessly positioned himself in enemy fire in order to place his three surviving wounded comrades in the rescue slings, permitting them to be airlifted to safety. As Chief Etchberger was being evacuated, he was fatally wounded by enemy ground fire.

He not only saved the lives of his three comrades, but also provided the successful evacuation of the remaining survivors of the base.

# ADSC changes put people first

## Tiger Team formed to outline new ADSC system; make it simple, easy to understand

**F. Whitten Peters**  
*Secretary of the Air Force*  
**Gen. Michael E. Ryan**  
*Air Force chief of staff*

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — After years of dealing piecemeal with repeated problems related to active-duty service commitments, we decided there had to be a better way. Our airmen deserve a system they can understand.

We formed a “tiger team” to overhaul the entire ADSC system. The charge to the team was explicit: Make it simple! Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, Air Force Plans and Programs deputy chief of staff, the group has exceeded even our high expectations.

With help from across the Air Force, the team produced a new Air Force instruction that will be published June 1. Gone are page after page of charts and rules. In their place is a simple, two-chart instruction, with rules written in plain English. All service commitments will be in one instruction. There will be no more major command supplements and confusing references.

We also standardized service commitments and removed those that don’t make sense. For instance, why require a service commitment for promotion when, by law, commissioned officers must remain on active duty for three years to retire in that grade?

The same common sense approach led us to eliminate the service commitments for any training class that lasts fewer than

20 weeks. That one move eliminates 95 percent of the ADSCs generated by technical training.

Equally important, we are creating a system that assumes our airmen are people of honesty and integrity who will live up to their commitments.

We were determined that the ADSC overhaul be accomplished quickly. From start to finish, we’ve been at this less than three months. But we did need to guard against unintended consequences and “gotchas” and to seek out the opinions of those who will work under the new rules.

That’s why we took the time to assemble a focus group of 30 airmen from all commands and walks of Air Force life. They reviewed the proposed changes and then split into two groups to apply the new rules — without help from anyone — to 15 scenarios. Each group got 14 of 15 correct. They both missed the same one, and we have rewritten that part of the instruction to make it clearer. They also made a number of more general suggestions that were incorporated into the final version of the instruction. Their input was invaluable.

As with any major decision, we had to make tough choices. For standardization, some ADSCs are increased in the new instruction. There aren’t many and we believe those changes are justified. We also had to decide who would be affected by the new rules.

After weighing the needs of the Air Force and the nation against

the desires of our airmen, we decided the new service commitments will apply only to people who sign commitments after June 1.

Unfortunately, we cannot afford to apply new rules to people who signed commitments under the old system. We have already relied on those commitments in making our force-management plans, and it is just too difficult to “unring the bell.” We are convinced our airmen understand this.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or in the way these new rules are being implemented, we have given the commander of the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, wide latitude to grant relief. We have discussed with him what needs to be done, and we are all committed that this new system will be fair to both airmen and the taxpaying public. That commitment will guide the implementation process.

Nothing is more devastating to retention than treating people unfairly. Our goal for the past two and one-half years has been to ensure the Air Force is a great place to work. This means more than lowering operations tempo, improving the quality of housing and raising pay. It also means ensuring our Air Force treats its people right.

You give us a great deal. We demand integrity, selfless service and excellence from everyone on our great team. You have every right to expect the same in return.

We are the world’s greatest Air Force because of your dedication. Thank you for your service; you are truly the best and brightest our nation has to offer. We’re honored to serve on your team.

# Viewpoint

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Off duty	2	1	+1
Traffic	0	0	0
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Fatalities	0	0	0
DUIs	3	5	-2



## Commander's corner: A day to say thanks

**Brig. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander

Saturday is a special day for our nation—the **50th anniversary of Armed Forces Day**. Each year we set aside this day to recognize men and women all across the globe serving in uniform...men and women whose daily service and sacrifice are a beacon of strength and hope to nations everywhere...men and women like you. Thank you for all you do to keep our nation strong, for keeping our communities and us safe. From training our nation's air superiority team to supporting deployed expeditionary air forces with better equipment, procedures and training, you are a key contributor to the worldwide mission of our Air Force. At home, our neighbors see you as a positive force in our community. They

note your involvement in local charities, education and civic projects. They see you volunteering your time to make a difference. For all these things and more, please accept our thanks on this your special day. *Thanks...you make us proud!*

We'll have some extra visitors with us this summer — cadets arrive Thursday for their annual ROTC summer encampments. These cadets will soon be joining our ranks as newly commissioned officers. Much of what they learn about the Air Force and especially Tyndall they will learn from us during their short visit. Be proud when you see them. Let them know that they will be joining a proud and distinguished service...one that is leading our nation into the 21st century. You will see cadets marching to their various classes and activities throughout each day. Please be patient and exercise an extra note of caution when you encounter these formations marching around the base. Remember what it was like when *you* had to march to class in formation. We have all been there...albeit some of us a bit further back than others.

In case you haven't noticed, we've had an extremely dry

spring in northwest Florida. We're several inches below normal rainfall, and this condition makes wildfires a very real danger, especially near wooded areas. Please be careful with smoking materials and fire in general. Please report any fires you see. Here at Tyndall, please call the command post at 283-2155 and they will pass your information to the appropriate officials. Fires across the nation are evidence enough of the destructive power of a fire out of control. Lets all do our part to ensure it doesn't happen here.

As we talk about fighting fires, we also need to be conscious of our water usage, and strictly adhere to the watering schedules in base housing. Our base program is designed to not only conserve water but to also ensure our firemen have sufficient water pressure to fight a fire should the need ever arise. Watering times

are: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for odd-numbered houses and Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays for even-numbered houses. If you have a manual system, you can use it from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. If you have an automatic system, you may use it from 6:30-8:30 a.m., set for no more than 30 minutes per zone. If you have any questions regarding watering rules, call the housing office, 283-2036.

Lastly, you may recall that two weeks ago Tyndall and the Air Force lost a true patriot and friend, Col. Charles H. "Squire" Williams. At the same time, I lost a mentor and friend. For the past 18 months, I have used "Squire" as my personal sounding board on many issues but especially retiree matters. At every turn, his advice and counsel was always spot on. I will miss him. "Squire" was interred at Arlington cemetery where he joined other proud patriots. In lieu of flowers, his family has asked that you consider contributing to the Daedalian scholarship fund. "Squire" was very active in the organization and served several terms as Tyndall's local flight captain. For further information, you may contact Col. Worth Carter, our current flight captain.

Have a great Air Force week!

## Action Line



Staff Sgt. John Asselin

**Brig. Gen. Buck Buchanan, 325th Fighter Wing commander, catches Sara Moreau, left, and Lillian Semich, doing what they do best — helping others as volunteers in the Tyndall Thrift Shop. Thank you for all your hard work in the Thrift Shop.**

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

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325th Fighter Wing  
commander

# Be a responsible dormitory resident

**Master Sgt. Jeff Vaughn**  
325th Mission Support  
Squadron  
first sergeant

Recently, there has been a marked rise in the amount of damage and general untidiness to Tyndall's dormitories. The dorm managers and bay orderlies are having to spend far too much time cleaning up the grounds following a weekend of

partying and general chaos.

The days of the animal house dormitories on military installations are gone. We are given millions of dollars by American taxpayers for our living quarters and are expected to be good stewards of this money.

Dorm residents are expected to act as responsible adults. This means if you have a party, clean up after

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# Every AF member important, valuable

**Gen. Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton**  
*Air Education and Training Command commander*

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Armed Forces Day is a time when many of our communities pause to tell us how much they appreciate all the things we do, and we do a lot!

Enthusiastic young Air Force men and women volunteer to work in schools, scouts, churches and sporting events. We bring our families, who meld into the community and share their diverse experiences with all they meet. I want to join those community leaders by telling you how much I appreciate all the things you bring to Air Education and Training Command and our Air Force.

All of you have heard senior Air Force leaders talking

about our need to recruit new people into our Air Force. I hope you are also hearing us talk about our need to retain good people in our Air Force.

In recent months, we have seen positive things happening in terms of better pay, a retirement inequity fixed before it harmed anyone, and we have embraced the Expeditionary Aerospace Force, which promises to bring more equity to operations tempo. Yet there is still much to be done.

For example, we are pursuing improved housing for both single and married members of our Air Force, and we are working hard to ensure medical care is available to active and

retired members and their families.

So as we come to Armed Forces Day 2000, I want you all to know that you are important to our Air Force. Whether you are recruiting, training, educating or supporting these efforts, you — and your families — are important! I am proud of you.

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## Spotlight



Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

### Tech. Sgt. Charles R. Combs

**Squadron:** 325th Fighter Wing  
**Job title:** NCOIC of legal claims  
**Years at Tyndall:** Three years  
**Years in Air Force:** 17 years  
**Hometown:** Americus, Ga.  
**Why did you join the Air Force:** The first and foremost reason was to serve my country. I also found the prospect of making friends and meeting people from around the world very appealing.  
**Most exciting facet of your job:** The most exciting part of my job, hands down, is accomplishing the mission. It doesn't matter whether I'm finishing a court-martial or closing out a huge claim, the feeling of achievement covers the entire spectrum of being a paralegal.  
**What do you do to keep fit:** I enjoy playing softball and I also love to play tennis.  
**Why do you work out:** Fitness is a balance of physical as well as mental well being. Tempering the anxieties and stress of the mind enhances the positive results of physical fitness. Working out gives me the total package.

*(Editor's note: May is Fitness Month. All spotlights will focus on Team Tyndall members who work out.)*

# Vote: voice your choice

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Our nation will hold a general election to choose our next president, vice president, all the members of the House of Representatives and some members of the Senate Nov. 7. Too far off to think about, you say? Not really, if you want to participate. Or, you might think that it’s too hard to vote because you’re stationed overseas or not in the state of your legal residence. Wrong. And finally, you may think one vote doesn’t really matter. Wrong again.

Let’s take on these misconceptions.

First, it’s not too early to register to vote by absentee ballot. Don’t put it off. Do it today. Your unit has a voting assistance officer who can provide a broad range of non-partisan information to help you and your eligible family members register to vote, as well as informing you about your home state’s specific requirements to vote in state and local elections. This procedure works and is easy to do, so use it!

Absentee voting allows you to “voice your choice” no matter how far your duties take you from home. Each vote counts equally as our individual choice on who should represent us in our government and how we believe our government should work.

Does a single vote really matter? Absolutely! The only votes that count are those you *can* count. We should all act as if the whole election depends on our individual votes.

Although we are the oldest major democracy in the world, it’s unfortunate that we have proportionately fewer people participate in our elections than in the rest of the self-governing world.

Some non-voters say they were too busy at work to get to the polls. Others report they failed to vote because of apathy about the political process. Pretty weak excuses, I think.

As military members, Department of Defense employees and Air Force families, I believe we have a special commitment to exercise our right to vote. Voting is a fundamental right for those who live in and support a democracy. Many men and women, especially those in the Armed Forces, have fought and died to preserve this right.

As I see it, we in the Air Force have committed ourselves to the service of our nation and it’s our responsibility to help shape its future. So get registered and go vote!



# Features

# Armed Forces Day:

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Fifty years ago, the Secretary of Defense created Armed Forces Day to represent the unified way that America’s Armed Forces work together in the defense of the nation. Today that spirit of cooperation is stronger than ever in defending the nation and its interests, according to Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“Fifty years ago, President Truman issued a proclamation establishing Armed Forces Day to celebrate the unification of all the military forces under a single department and to pay tribute to the servants and protectors of our great nation,” Shelton said. “Today that tradition continues by honoring the 2.7 million men and women in uniform.

“Scattered across the globe, you enforce no-fly zones in Iraq, patrol the demilitarized zone in Korea, provide a safe and secure environment in the Balkans and continue to train to ensure responsiveness should the nation call,” he said.

Unity in defense of the nation has always been critical to the way the Armed Forces interact, and the early leaders of the Department of Defense took actions to solidify this unity.

On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, then Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The first single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department — the DOD. “Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America’s defense team of its progress, under the

National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea and air defense,” Johnson said.

President Harry S. Truman agreed that a day to honor the Armed Forces was important. In a speech announcing the formation of the day, Truman “praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas,” and said, “It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace.”

Another president thought it was important to honor the Armed Forces with a special day. “It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world,” said President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953.

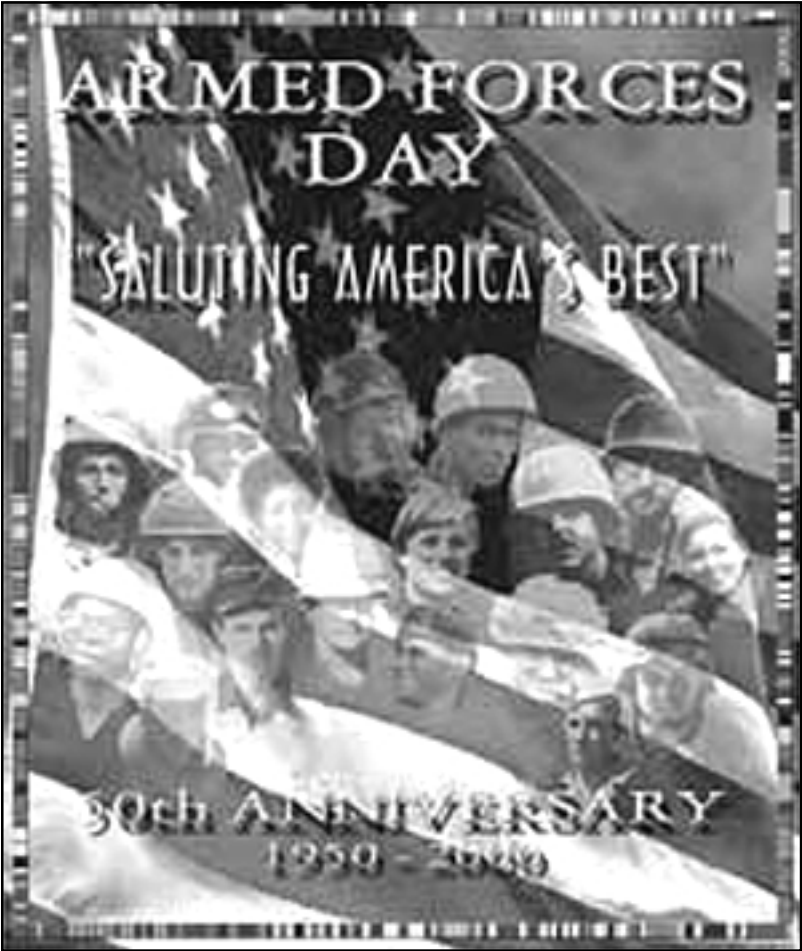
The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was “Teamed for Defense.” Although this was the theme for the day, there are several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It is a type of educational program for civilians, one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It is designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It is a day for the military to show state-of-the-art equipment to the civilian population they are protecting. It is a day to remember, honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated with parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets and

veterans marched past the president and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day “under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types.” In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed “battlewagons” of World War II, the *Missouri*, the *New Jersey*, the *North Carolina* and the *Iowa*, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

Today, although there are still parades and celebrations across the nation, the emphasis is on recognizing the sacrifices of the Armed Forces in the defense of the nation, said William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense. “On this fiftieth Armed Forces Day, the American people join me in expressing our profound gratitude to you, aware that your commitment to this nation does not come without peril or price. Duty often calls for prolonged periods away from family and home, in missions that can be difficult and dangerous. So it is truly fitting that we pause on this day to recognize these sacrifices and to honor you — patriots whose passion and dedication preserve the blessings of freedom every day.”

Armed Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May, the day after Armed Forces Day.



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**President Harry S. Truman addresses guests at the first Armed Forces Day dinner in Washington, D.C. in 1950. His proclamation replaced separate celebrations by the Armed Forces.**

**A small child sits in the cockpit of an F-4 fighter during the RAF Bentwaters AB, England, open house on Armed Forces Day in 1973. Open houses and demonstrations like these are a staple in showcasing the best and brightest people and equipment the Armed Forces have to offer.**



# Many people come to Florida for the weather, some Team Tyndall members come for the ... Hurricanes



Photos by 2nd Lt. Michael J. Adams



Top: 1st Lt. Scott C. Lisko, 325th Operations Support Squadron weather officer, indicates current conditions.  
Bottom: Lisko uses the weather flight's Hurrtrak computer to analyze hurricane data.  
Right: A current surface analysis from the weather flight's intranet homepage (see story for address).

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*325th Fighter Wing  
public affairs*

June 1 marks the official beginning of hurricane season in the Atlantic and with it an increased public interest in the weather, but members of the 325th Operations Support Squadron weather flight are always watching.

With 14 personnel and a host of sophisticated equipment, the weather flight is Tyndall's first line of defense against Mother Nature. The flight's seven forecasters, four observers and three officers collect, analyze and disseminate Tyndall's weather to Department of Defense clients throughout the world, said 1st Lt. Scott C. Lisko, 325th OSS weather officer.

The weather flight's tightly focused, five-mile area of interest immediately surrounding the base's flightline may seem like a small window on the world, but for the pilots navigating Tyndall airspace, it is of life and death importance. "Our main job is providing official weather briefings for operations, informing pilots of take-off and projected landing conditions, as well as providing conditions at alternate or divert bases along the way," Lisko said. "On any given day, the weather flight's observers are busy collecting the data on wind speed, direction, cloud cover, altimeter setting, temperature, dew point and visibility that informs our forecasting."

The weather flight functions as a key component of the commander's battle staff and it is in this capacity that it is responsible for hurricane reporting. "One of our primary concerns with a hurricane is keeping the commander informed so he can order personnel and aircraft evacuations when they're needed," Lisko said.

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"They're the functional experts on base and a key element in Tyndall's hurricane watch team," said Master Sgt. Tony Smithwick 325th Civil Engineer squadron readiness flight NCOIC. "The weather flight provides the data, explains the forecast and helps evaluate the risk level."

The hurricanes posing the greatest risk to Tyndall are formed thousands of miles away in the Atlantic Ocean, well beyond the weather flight's area of coverage. So for hurricane forecasting, the weather flight relies on data the National Hurricane Center makes available through Hurrtrak, its computer network. "They're the experts," Lisko said. "But we're still responsible for balancing their forecast with the worst-case scenario."

Despite the threat hurricanes pose to the public — including structural damage to buildings, downed limbs and vehicle damage — spring thunderstorms and their associated tornadoes and hail are actually our biggest concern, Lisko said. "Our most volatile and dangerous season is just ending as hurricane season begins."

To help keep Team Tyndall members informed, the weather flight also operates a comprehensive web site with current observations and forecasts, local flying area weather, satellite and radar imagery, hazard and wind charts, sea conditions and general hurricane information. The site is accessible through Tyndall's intranet at the following address: [\\325og-server1\oss\Weather\homepage\TYWIN.htm](#) (Note: The intranet is case-sensitive, so be careful to capitalize as above.)

So what's this year's forecast? "The official forecast for this season is 11 tropical storms, seven named hurricanes and three category-three or higher storms," Lisko said. "Even though the forecast is for a less-active season than last year, we're still well above average."

Whether or not hurricanes land at Tyndall this year, the weather flight will be keeping an eye on the skies for all of us.



Courtesy graphic

# Boeing 757 tests Raptor avionics

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Boeing is using an unusual-looking aircraft to flight-test the highly advanced, integrated avionics developed for the Air Force’s F-22 Raptor.

The F-22 Flying Test Bed, a modified Boeing 757, offers several benefits to the development program, said Capt. Adam Kalb, a Boeing F-22 program integrator.

“Since the F-22 avionics (aircraft) won’t be available for flight test until later this year, the flying test bed gives Boeing a chance to test the avionics software under actual flight conditions long before it is ever installed in the Raptor,” he said.

The test bed reduces risk, as well as future flight-testing hours, by enabling extensive in-flight testing, evaluation and troubleshooting, Boeing officials said.

According to a Boeing spokesman, there is enough room on the aircraft for up to 30 software engineers and technicians, who can evaluate the avionics, identify anomalies and, in some cases, address these anomalies in real time.

“This flying laboratory allows Boeing to solve problems long before the avionics and software fly in the F-22,” Kalb said. “The FTB saves taxpayer dollars because it is much more costly to find and fix problems later once the avionics and software are installed in the actual aircraft.”

The test avionics are operated from a simulated F-22 cockpit installed in the flying test bed cabin. The cockpit has primary and secondary F-22 displays, as well as a throttle and stick.

Additional modifications to the 757 included installing an F-22 forward fuselage section, housing the F-22 radar, to the nose section of the plane and installing a sensor wing on the aircraft’s crown, immediately behind the flight deck. Communication, navigation and identification sensors were mounted directly on the sensor wing, designed to simulate the sensor positioning found in the F-22’s wings, he said.



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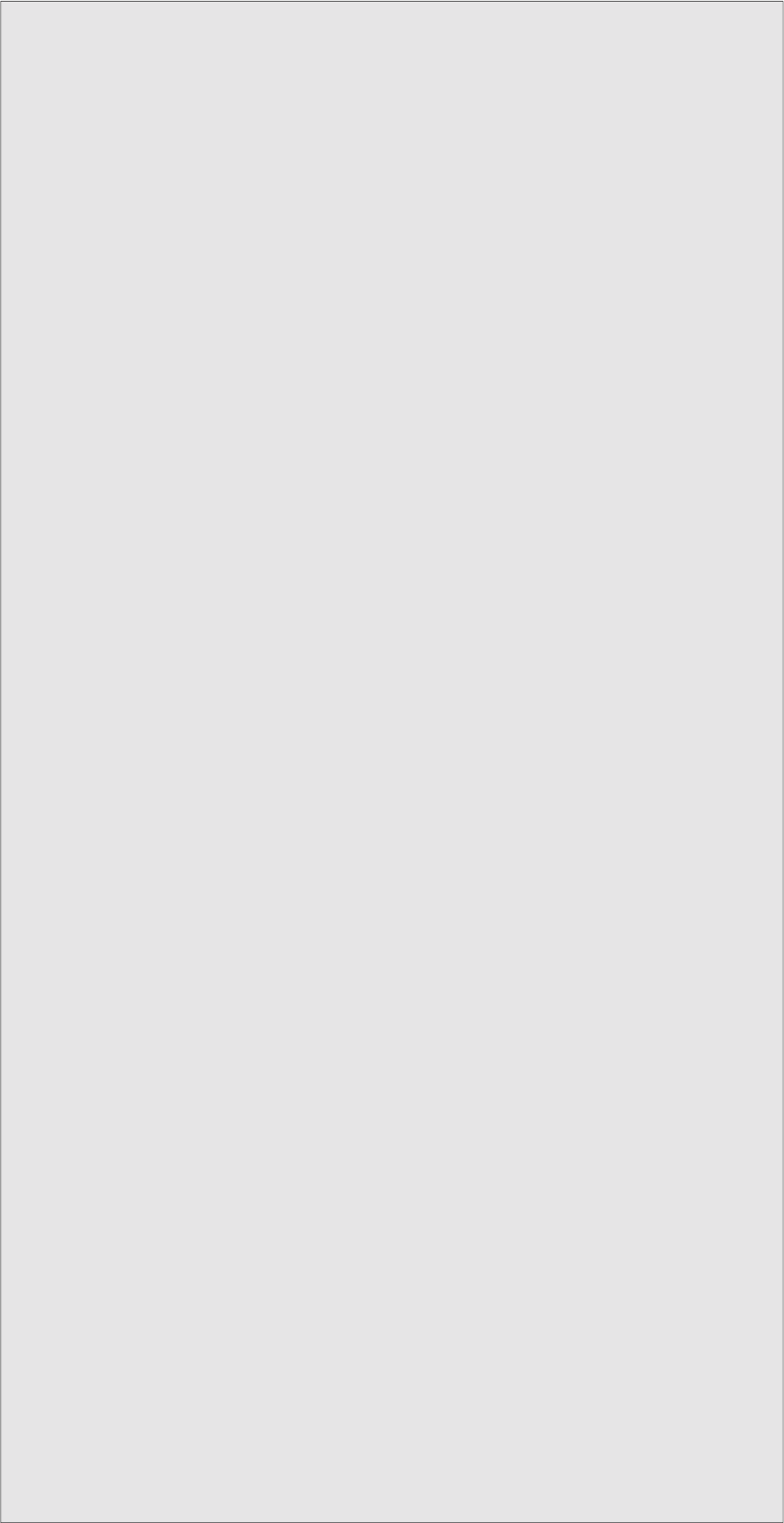
Boeing began testing the F-22’s sophisticated avionics aboard the 757 in March 1999. To date, they have completed more than 15,000

hours of avionics software testing in the avionics integration lab and 420 hours of testing on the F-22 Flying Test Bed.

## Tyndall’s chapel schedule

<b>Protestant</b>	Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday,
Communion Service 9:30 a.m.	Chapel 2
Chapel 1	Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday,
General Protestant Service	Chapel 2
11:00 a.m. Chapel 2	Religious education: 10:40 a.m.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, Chapel 2
Chapel 2	<b>E-mail:</b>
Kids’ Club 2:45-5:45 p.m.	<a href="mailto:325fwhc@tyndall.af.mil">325fwhc@tyndall.af.mil</a>
Wednesday	Chapel 1: 283-2691
<b>Catholic</b>	Chapel 2: 283-2925
Daily Mass: noon Monday	Spiritual Maintenance: 283-2367
through Friday, Chapel 2;	<b>Other faith groups:</b> Call 283-
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday	2925





# A comedic twist to safe driving

**Staff Sgt. Scott Hagen**  
*325th Fighter Wing safety office*

May 26 is Air Education and Training Command’s Safety Day. One of the annual events held at Tyndall to promote safety is a mandatory wing-wide safety briefing.

This year promises to be one of the most entertaining, yet educational safety briefings in Tyndall’s history.

This year’s extravaganza will feature Bob “Bobzilla” Bartlett, who will give two motivational briefings, in Hangar 2, on defensive driving, alcohol awareness and life in general. There will also be several information booths from different base agencies.

Bartlett comes to us from San Antonio, Texas where he is an instructor in the Comedy Defensive Driving school. He is also known for his years playing professional football for the

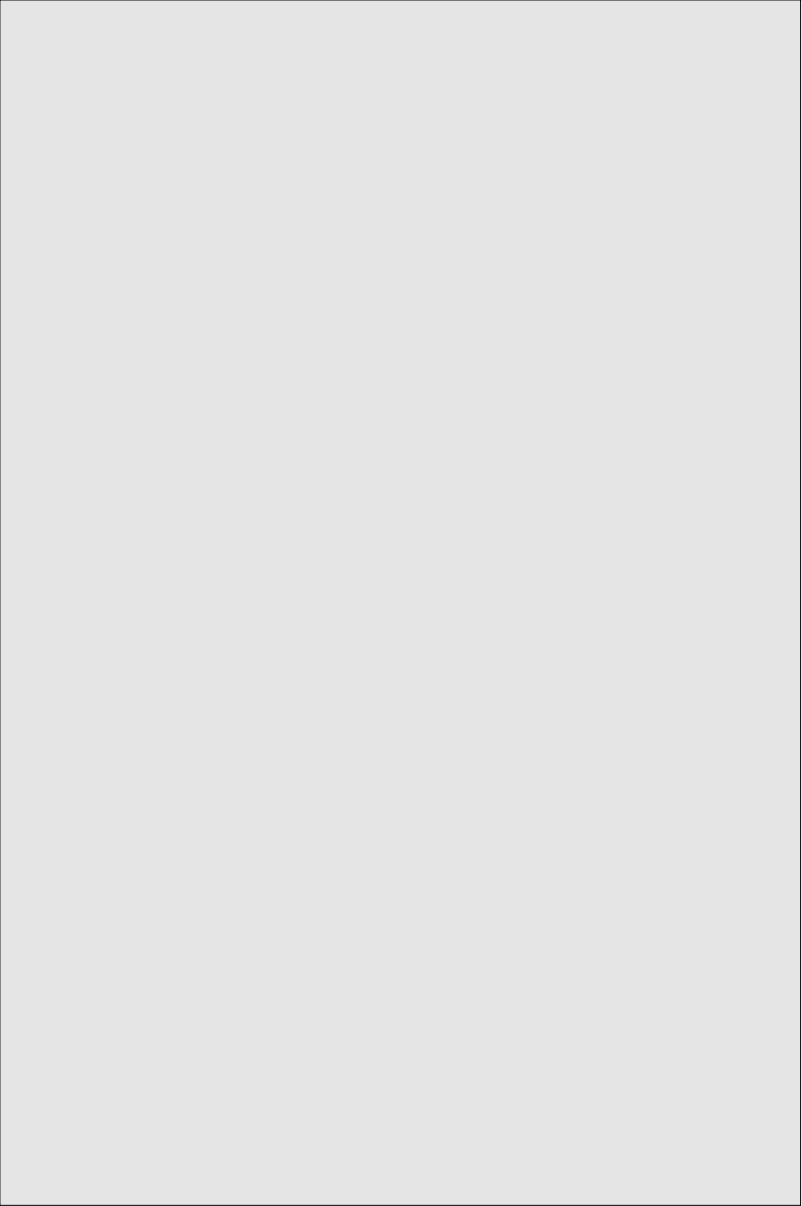
Denver Broncos, playing in Superbowl XII and winning the 1983 Gray Cup while playing for the Toronto Argonauts. Bartlett has also won over a dozen National and World titles in both kickboxing and karate. He has appeared on numerous television programs including HBO’s “Comic Relief” and has acted in many movies with his last perfor-

mance in this year’s blockbuster hit “Any Given Sunday.”

This year’s

Safety Day briefing is mandatory for all 325th Fighter Wing military members. It is also open to anyone who is of legal driving age. Bartlett’s comedic delivery is educational and will keep you laughing. He will be performing 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. in Hangar 2. Parking will be limited, so carpooling is highly recommended. Also, several units are arranging for buses to transport their people to and from their work place. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Scott Hagen, 283-4231.

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## Your link to what's going on

# Gulf Guide

## in the Tyndall community

### MAY

**FRI 19**

#### Fiber-optics installation

General Dynamics will be installing a fiber-optic-based information transport system today through Monday in the parking lot of Buildings 546 and 548. Parking will be limited in these areas. The work is part of the Department of Defense's Combat Information Transport System, designed to link specified facilities with existing and planned data, video, imagery and voice systems. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bobby Acker, 283-3214 or 2nd Lt. Mark Walker, 283-4813.

#### AEF scholarship

The Aerospace Education Foundation is offering a competitive \$1,000 Capt. Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship for off-duty, non-technical master's degree study. Active-duty personnel who are members of the Air Force Association are eligible to apply. Applications must be postmarked by today. For more information, call the Tyndall Education Center, 283-4285.

**SAT 20**

#### Mother-daughter tea

A mother-daughter tea, hosted by Tyndall's Catholic Women of the Chapel and Protestant Women of the Chapel, will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Chapel 2 annex. For more information, call Lana Andrean, 283-2925.

#### Kid Care photo identification session

A free Kid Care photo identification session will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Tyndall Base Exchange. Families will be able to learn child-safety tips and receive an official, digital Kid Care photo ID and fingerprints of their child at no charge. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4204.

**MON 22**

#### Embry-Riddle registration

Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's summer term will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through May 26 in the education center, Room 49. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

**THU 25**

#### AFROTC schedule

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' first encampment is scheduled to arrive Thursday and remain at Tyndall until July 5. The second encampment will arrive July 6 and remain until Aug. 11. The cadet dining hours at Tyndall's Berg Liles dining facility will be: breakfast, 6-7:12 a.m.; lunch, 11:20 a.m.-12:52 p.m.; and dinner, 4:20-5:32 p.m.

#### Contracting closure

Tyndall's 325th Contracting Squadron will be closed 11 a.m. Thursday for an official function. It will reopen at normal duty hours May 26.

**FRI 26**

#### Safety day

Personnel must attend one of two 325th Fighter Wing safety day briefings May 26 in Hangar 2, across from the 2nd Fighter Squadron. The first briefing is 10 a.m.-noon, and the second briefing will be 1-3 p.m. This year's speaker is Mr. Bob "Bobzilla" Bartlett, an instructor in the Comedy Defensive Driving schools in San Antonio, Texas. "Bobzilla", who has appeared in numerous television programs, including "Comic Relief", will give the two motivational briefings on defensive driving, alcohol awareness and life in general. Carpooling is recommended, as parking is limited. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Scott Hagen in the safety office, 283-4231.

**MON 29**

#### Commissary closure

The commissary will be closed May 29, Memorial Day, and May 30 for the regular Monday closure. It will reopen 9 a.m. May 31.

### JUNE

**THU 1**

#### ECI Course Eight termination

Effective June 1, active-duty Air Force personnel will no longer be authorized enrollment into Extension Course Institute Eight, the paper-based version of the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course. Members currently enrolled will be permitted to complete their course and are not affected by this change. For more information call the base education center, 283-4285.

### NOTES

#### Financial fitness program

Self-paced, interactive-compact disc personal finance lessons are available at the family support center computer resource center. Topics include budgeting, credit management, insurance, savings, investing, relocation and more. For computer-time reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

#### 'Sister service' member authorization

A new authorization permits all eligible former Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard members with compatible career fields to enter the Air Force. Honorably discharged veterans who have been out of the military no longer than six years and have no more than 12 years of total active-military service can find out more by calling their local Air Force recruiter, 763-1301 or (800) 423-8723.

#### Online payroll access

Department of Defense civilians and military retirees can now update certain pay information using the online Employee-Member Self Service System. The system allows users to change federal tax withholding status and exemptions, start, stop or change allotments, change correspondence addresses and update electronic fund-transfer information. The system can be accessed on the Internet at: [www.emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm](http://www.emss.dfas.mil/emss.htm), or through a toll-free interactive voice-response system, (877) 363-3677.

### RETIREE NEWS

#### Change of address

Only by following the procedures below to change addresses will you be assured of receiving official correspondence.

Air Force retirees, whether or not receiving retired pay, such as an individual who combined military and civilian time and is receiving Civil Service retired pay or Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, send change of address requests to DFAS-Cleveland Center, DFAS-CL/FRB, P.O. Box 99191, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-1126. Mark the envelope "change of address" and include retired grade and Social Security number.

Annuityants, surviving spouses who receive pay under the Survivor Benefit Plan or Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, send address change requests to DFAS-Denver Center, DFAS-DE/FRB, 6760 E. Irvington Place, Denver CO 80279-6000. Include retired grade and SSN of sponsor and your SSN.

Non-annuityants, only surviving spouses of Air Force retirees not receiving an annuity under the SBP or RSFP, send change of address requests to HQ AFPC/DPTR, 550 C Street West, Ste. 11, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4713. Include sponsor's retired grade and SSN.

### YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2969 Sidewinder St., 2311 Jefferson Blvd. and 2795-B Dart Ave. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### BASE THEATER

**Today:** "Romeo Must Die" (R, violence, some adult language and brief nudity, 115 min.)

**Saturday:** "The Skulls" (PG-13, violence and brief sexuality, 117 min.)\*

**Sunday:** "High Fidelity" (R, language and some sexuality, 107 min.)

**Thursday:** "Ready to Rumble" (PG-13, language, crude humor, sexual content, brief nudity and wrestling violence, 107 min.)

\*Price challenge night: \$1.50 admission.

### BERG LILES DINING FACILITY

#### Today

Lunch: savory-baked chicken, pasta with clam sauce  
Dinner: ginger-barbecued chicken, onion-lemon baked fish

#### Saturday

Lunch: braised spareribs, grilled mustardy chicken breast  
Dinner: creole fish fillets, chicken nuggets

#### Sunday

Lunch: beef pot roast, Parmesan fish  
Dinner: chili macaroni, roasted turkey

#### Monday

Lunch: veal Parmesan, teriyaki chicken  
Dinner: Caribbean jerk chicken, spicy-baked fish

#### Tuesday

Lunch: baked turkey and noodles, Zula's spinach-cheese biscuit wrap  
Dinner: roasted pork loin, lemon-herbed chicken

#### Wednesday

Lunch: sukiyaki, stir-fry chicken  
Dinner: lemon-baked fish, jaegerschnitzel

#### Thursday

Lunch: Chinese five-spice chicken, seafood pie  
Dinner: grilled bratwurst, chicken enchiladas

Menus are subject to change.



# DFAS issues new PINS

**DENVER (AFPN)** — Defense Finance and Accounting Service will activate its improved automated telephone Military Pay Line service in August. Air Force active-duty and Reserve members will need a personal identification number to access the system.

DFAS will mail PINs to Air Force active-duty and Reserve members in July. The mailing will go to members’ leave and earnings statement addresses. Air Force active-duty and Reserve members should ensure their leave and earnings statement addresses are current to avoid delay in receiving Military Pay Line personal identification numbers.

PINs used for the current Air Force Pay Call system (800)755-7413) will work with the new system. Service members who do not have a current PIN will have one issued for the new Military Pay Line.

Team Tyndall members can update their addresses at the base finance office located in the Base Support Center, Building 662.

## ●DORM from Page 5

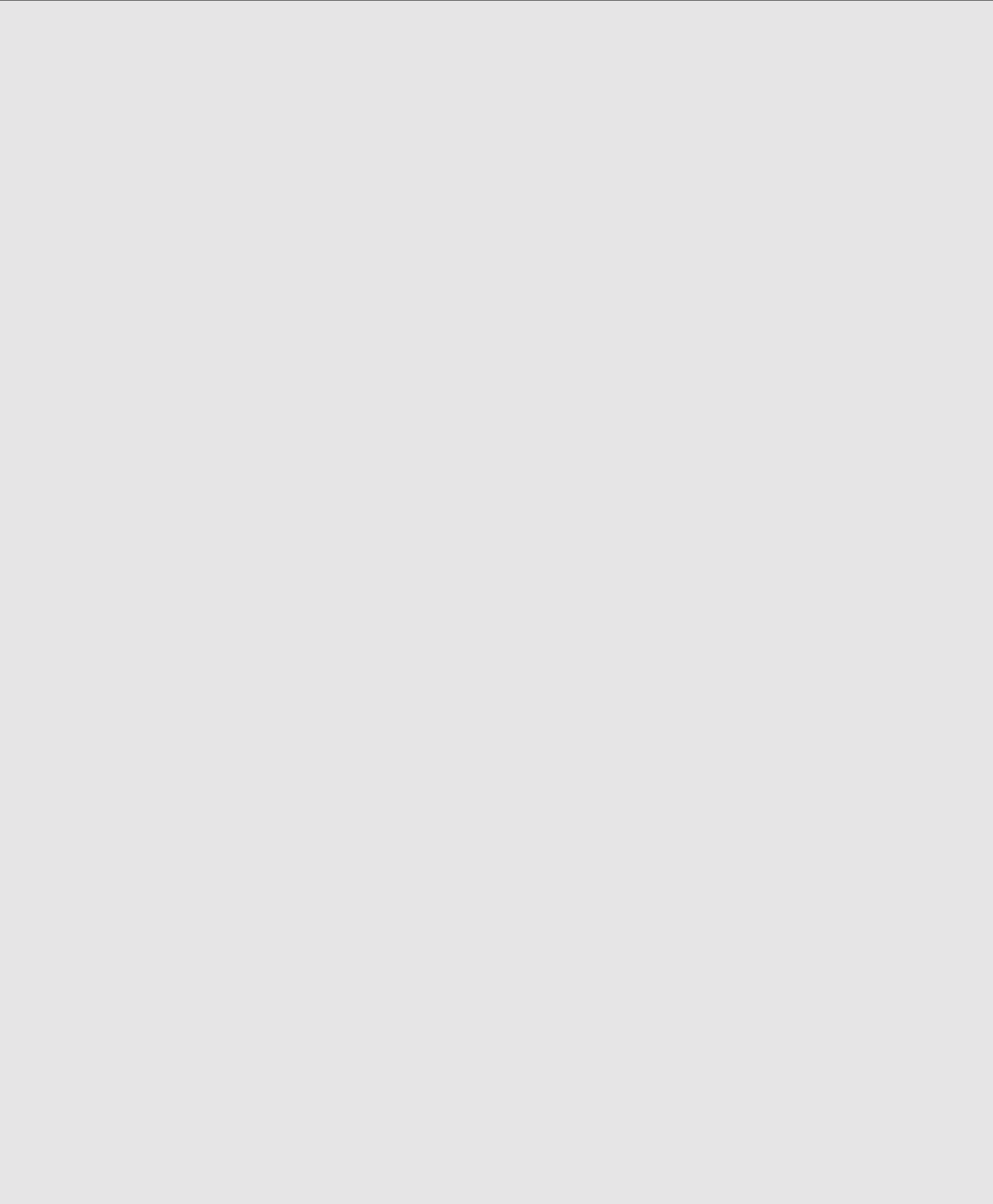
yourself, and if you use the common area, respect the other dorm residents by keeping it clean and under control.

Fortunately, most dorm residents are above reproach. They maintain their personal rooms and common areas the way they should, because after all it is their home. But it only takes one bad apple to spoil the entire barrel.

In recent times, when the dormitories were experiencing these types of problems, the residents, supervisors and first sergeants found themselves active participants in weekend service dress open-ranks inspections followed by “GP” parties. Residents also worked CQ duty, in which they had to commit off-duty time to baby-sitting the dorm.

I’m sure Tyndall dormitory residents do not need this type of corrective action. Each resident can very easily prevent this by doing nothing more than taking care of the quarters they were given. If you see fellow residents getting out of hand, talk to them or call your first sergeant. Remember, the dorm is your home — act responsibly.

At 3 p.m. today at Heritage Park, there will be a mandatory get together of all dorm residents. Guest speakers will be Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, and Tech. Sgt. Donald Lauer, 325th Fighter Wing dorm manager. The band “Biscuits and Groovy” will be providing the entertainment, and there will be a free barbecue dinner provided.





# Sports and fitness

## Golf warm-up tips

A key to a good golf game is being properly warmed up beforehand. It's a good idea to arrive at the course early to hit some full shots as well as do some chipping and putting.

**Driving Range:** Hit 20 or 30 balls and loosen up slowly. Start out with a short iron and progress up to the longer clubs. Try to get a “feel” for your swing but do not start working on your swing and making changes. This is just a warm up and not a practice session.

**Chipping:** Save a few balls and head to the chipping green. Try both the bump and run shot as well as some more lofted shots to get a sense of feel. The goal is to get each shot about two feet from the cup. By hitting some good chips you will have more confidence to take to the course. Remember, about half the shots taken in a round occur around the green.

**Putting:** When you hit the putting green, you are there to get a feel for the speed of the greens, not work on your stroke. Practice some longer putts (around thirty feet) and try to get them close. Next, sink some short putts to build some confidence before you tee off.

The small amount of time it takes to warm up properly before a round of golf will be well worthwhile. Your chances of getting off to a good start are greatly increased.



Tech. Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

## Tee'd off

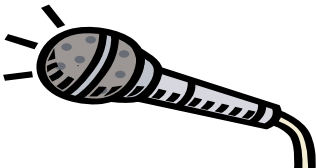
**Lt. Col. Steven Usher, Headquarters 1st Air Force standardization-evaluation chief, tees off during intramural golf action Tuesday.**

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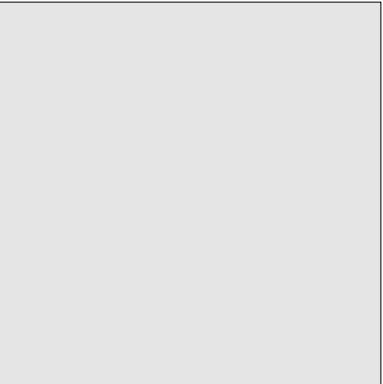


Take this opportunity to try a new athletic activity, walk to the Shoppette instead of drive, play ball with the kids, get busy and feel alive!

Belt out  
a tune

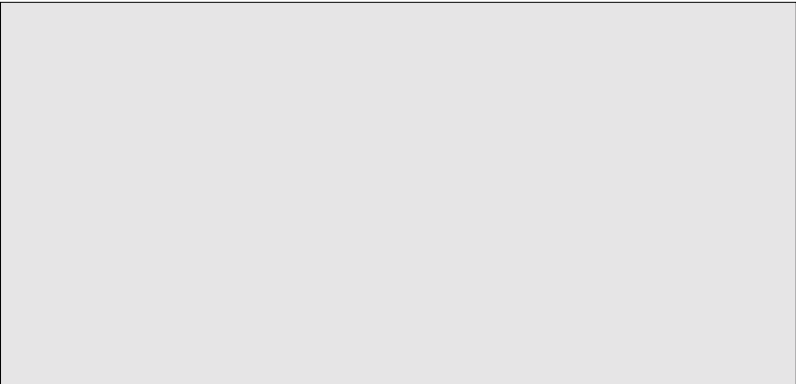


Thursday is  
karaoke night at  
the  
Pelican Reef  
Enlisted Club.  
Show up and sing  
or listen from 8  
to 11 p.m.



## Intramural golf

Squadron	Total points
CONR 1	26
AFCESA	24
325 LSS 1	23
325 OSS	23
325 MXS	22.5
325 TRS	21.5
325 CES	21
325 MSS	20.5
325 COM	19
325 SVS	17
81 TSS	17
372 TRS	14.5
TEST 1	10.5
82 ATRS	9.5
325 SFS	9
95 FS	9
CONR 3	8.5
RHS	8.5
2 FS	8
SEADS	8
83 FWS	7.5
CONR 2	5
325 LSS 2	1.5
TEST 2	0



Intramural softball		
Team	Wins	Losses
Falcon league		
325 COM	1	1
325 MSS	1	1
325 MXS 1	1	1
325 OSS	1	1
SEADS 2	1	1
325 TRS 1	1	1
1 FS	0	0
95 FS	0	0
325 MXS 2	0	0
2 FS	0	0
325 MDG	0	0
325 SFS	0	0
83 FWS 1	0	0
Federal league		
AFCESA	1	0
325 CES	1	0
CONR	1	0
325 LSS	1	0
RHS	1	0
325 SVS	1	0
CONS	0	1
SEADS 2	0	1
83 FWS 2	0	1
325 TRS 2	0	1
TW	0	1
53 WEG	0	1

## Intramural volleyball

Team	Wins	Losses
81 TSS	11	0
CONR	10	1
325 COM 1	8	1
NCOA	9	2
325 MDG	8	2
2 FS	6	5
AFCESA	7	4
325 CES	6	5
325 OSS	6	6
325 TRS	3	8
325 MXS	3	8
325 COM 2	3	10
325 SVS	3	9
83 FWS	0	10
325 MSS	0	12

